<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In the Specification:

On page 9, line 10 of the specification, please amend as follows:

In GetDependencyFrameIndex (N), a list of the reference frames that are needed to decode current frame N is obtained. A list of frame index or indices is returned. For example, e.g., GetDependencyFrameIndex $(5) = \frac{7, 10}{4, 7}$.

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